

What is claimed is:

1. A radio communication system comprising a plurality of adjacent radio networks having overlapping service areas, a radio communication device having a connection list for registering a connecting communication device to which connection is to be performed, and a non-connection list for registering a non-connecting communication device to which connection is not to be performed; wherein

5 said radio communication device grasps the existence of a surrounding radio communication device through a predetermined
10 method; and

15 when a new radio communication device is detected, an authentication verification is performed between said new radio communication device and, if said authentication is successful, said new radio communication device is registered in said connection list; and if
said authentication fails, said new radio communication device is registered in said non-connection list.

2. A radio communication device for operation in a radio communication environment in which a plurality of adjacent radio networks have overlapping service areas, said radio communication device comprising:

20 communication means for communicating radio data;
control means for controlling the radio data communication of
said communication means;

25 notification means for notifying one's own existence within a service area of said communication means;

terminal detection means for detecting existence of another radio communication device within said service area of said communication means; and

30 connection management means for managing connection/non-connection of said other radio communication device

detected within said service area.

3. The radio communication device according to Claim 2, wherein,
under said radio communication environment, there is provided an
5 adjacent ad-hoc radio network to which each radio communication
device performs direct asynchronous ad-hoc communication without
providing a device as a control station.
4. The radio communication device according to Claim 2, wherein:
10 said notification means notifies existence of the radio
communication device by transmitting a beacon signal under a
predetermined frame period via said transmission means; and
15 said terminal detection means grasps existence of another radio
communication device by receiving said beacon signal from said
transmission means.
5. The radio communication device according to Claim 2, wherein
said connection management means performs authentication verification
of a radio communication device detected by said terminal detecting
20 means and registers said radio communication device in said connection
list if authentication is successful, and registers said radio
communication device in said non-connection list if authentication fails.
6. The radio communication device according to Claim 2, wherein
25 said connection management means performs authentication verification
of an apparatus among radio communication devices detected by said
terminal detecting means which has no registration in both said
connection list and said non-connection list, but does not perform
authentication verification of an apparatus already registered in said
30 non-connection list.

7. The radio communication device according to Claim 2, wherein
said connection management means transmits an authentication request
command against a radio communication device for registration in said
connection list, and registers said radio communication device in said
connection list and transmits an authentication completion command
when receiving and authorizing authentication of an authentication
request command from another radio communication device.
8. The radio communication device according to Claim 5, wherein
said connection management means determines existence of
authorization for authentication after performing authentication of a user,
when receiving an authentication request command from another radio
communication device.
9. The radio communication device according to Claim 5, wherein
said connection management means erases from said connection list a
radio communication device whose existence is not detected by said
terminal detecting means during a period of time exceeding a time limit.
10. The radio communication device according to Claim 5, wherein
said connection management means erases from said non-connection list
a radio communication device whose existence is not detected by said
terminal detecting means during a period of time exceeding a time limit.
11. The radio communication device according to Claim 4, wherein
said control means sets a reception domain of predetermined duration
within said frame period after said beacon signal and the remaining of
said frame period is set as an unused domain.
12. A radio communication method for radio communication in a
radio communication environment in which a plurality of adjacent radio

networks have overlapping service areas, said radio communication method comprising:

notification step of notifying existence of a radio communication device's own existence within its service area;

5 terminal detection step of detecting existence of another radio communication device within said service area; and

connection management step of managing connection/non-connection of said other radio communication device detected within said service area.

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13. The radio communication method according to Claim 12, wherein:

said notification step notifies existence of the radio communication device by transmitting a beacon signal under a predetermined frame period; and

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said terminal detection step grasps existence of another radio communication device by receiving said beacon signal.

14. The radio communication method according to Claim 12, wherein said connection management step performs authentication verification of

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a radio communication device detected in said terminal detecting step and registers said radio communication device in a connection list if authentication is successful, and registers said radio communication device in a non-connection list if authentication fails.

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15. The radio communication method according to Claim 14, wherein said connection management step performs authentication verification of an apparatus among radio communication devices detected in said terminal detecting step which has no registration in both said connection list and said non-connection list, but does not perform authentication verification of an apparatus already registered in said non-connection list.

16. The radio communication method according to Claim 14, wherein said connection management step further comprises the steps of:

transmitting an authentication request command against a radio
5 communication device for registration in said connection list; and

registers said radio communication device in said connection list and transmits an authentication completion command when receiving and authorizing authentication of an authentication request command from another radio communication device.

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17. The radio communication method according to Claim 14, wherein said connection management step determines existence of authorization for authentication after performing authentication of a user, when receiving an authentication request command from another radio
15 communication device.

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18. The radio communication method according to Claim 14, wherein said connection management step erases from said connection list a radio communication device whose existence is not detected in said terminal
20 detecting step during a period of time exceeding a time limit.

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19. The radio communication method according to Claim 14, wherein said connection management step erases from said non-connection list a radio communication device whose existence is not detected in said
25 terminal detecting step during a period of time exceeding a time limit.

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20. A computer-readable program for executing by computer system a radio communication process of radio communication in a radio communication environment in which a plurality of adjacent radio
30 networks have overlapping service areas, said program comprising:

notification step of notifying existence of a radio communication

device's own existence within its service area;

terminal detection step of detecting existence of another radio communication device within said service area; and

- connection management step of managing
5 connection/non-connection of said other radio communication device detected within said service area.